



February 2, 2000

The Honorable John M. Phillips, Presiding Judge
Coordinated Trial Courts, Monterey County
240 Church Street
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Judge Phillips,

The City Council of the City of Sand City has reviewed the 1999 Monterey County Grand Jury Report at their meeting on February 1, 2000. The City Council was directed to respond to the section of the Grand Jury Report dealing with the issue of methamphetamine in Monterey County. The Sand City Police Chief was directed to prepare a response for the Sand City Council regarding the issues raised in the 1999 Grand Jury Report dealing with the methamphetamine problem in Monterey County. After reviewing this letter the City Council agreed to submit this response.

FINDINGS:

The City of Sand City agrees with all the findings except #5, which states that Monterey County law enforcement agencies do not conduct enough seizures of assets of those arrested. The City of Sand City is not in a position to agree or disagree regarding other agencies, but for Sand City, all situations that involve a lawful seizure of assets is exercised through the Monterey County District Attorney's office.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That law enforcement agencies approach the methamphetamine problem, as a distinct problem not related to other drug enforcement activities:*
Sand City disagrees, investigating other criminal activities may bring about the identification of manufacturing sites and the people dealing/possessing methamphetamine. Most criminal activity is interrelated and needs to be approached in an inclusive rather than an exclusive manner.
- That all law enforcement agencies be required to submit information concerning all methamphetamine arrests in the form of a press release:*
All arrests are always subject to the scrutiny of the press. To be required to submit a separate press release might be a bureaucratic burden/added workload. For the City of Sand City, this would not cause an undue burden.

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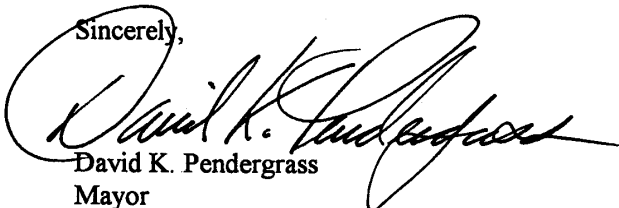
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3. *That there exists a coordinated communications plan between all jurisdictions to share information regarding methamphetamine manufacturing, distribution, and possession:* For that matter, this type of inter-jurisdictional sharing of information should be in place on all criminal activity since the criminals do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries.
4. *That the Monterey County Board of Supervisors (BOS) seek the funding means for a special methamphetamine abatement program:* Sand City agrees.
5. *That the BOS seek funding for environmental cleanup of methamphetamine-related property cleanup and that the resale of the property fund such cleanup:* Sand City agrees.
6. *That the BOS and the City Councils provide funding for a methamphetamine-trained canine:* Sand City disagrees. It is inappropriate for cities to be responsible for the direct funding of equipment for the Sheriff's Department. There are other ways to assist without the cities being the direct funding source, such as the formation of a multi-jurisdictional task force.
7. *That the BOS and City Council provide funding for staff dealing with methamphetamine-related problems:* Sand City disagrees that the City Councils should provide funding for Sheriff Departments. There are other ways to share in our mutual staffing and resources as it pertains to the methamphetamine problem in Monterey County, such as the formation of a multi-jurisdictional task force.

Sincerely,

David K. Pendergrass
Mayor